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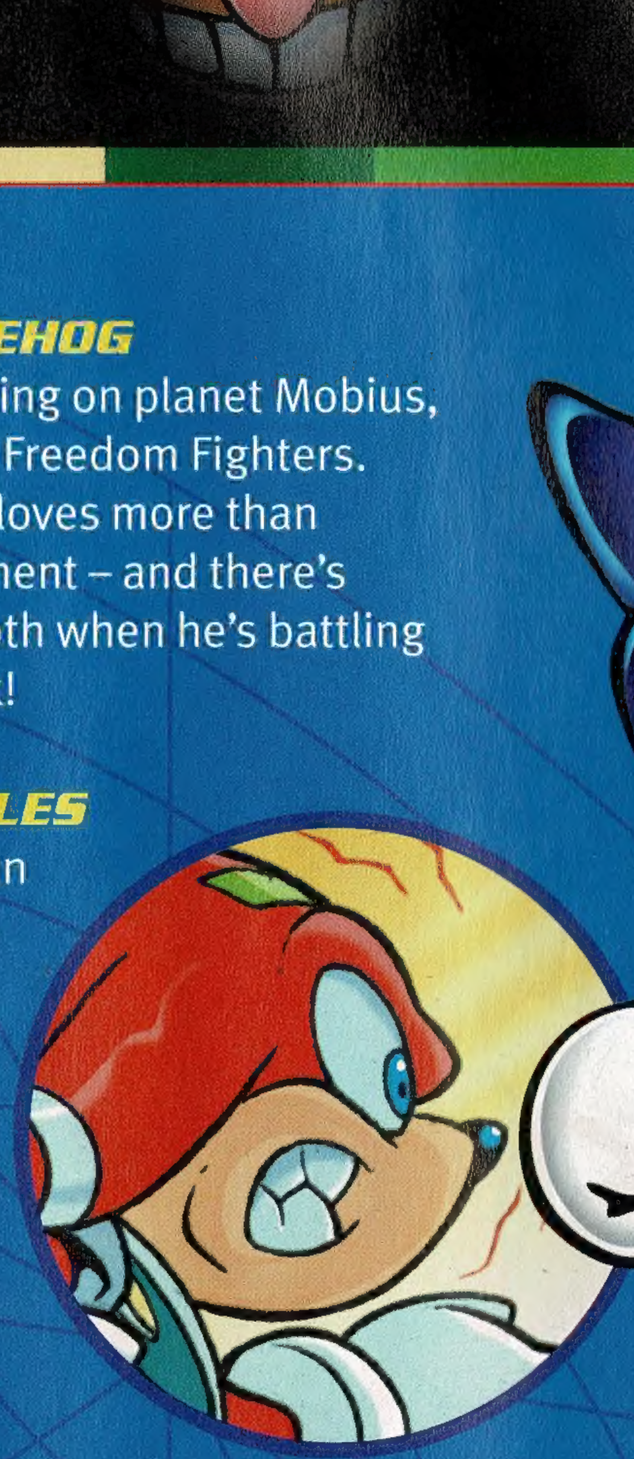

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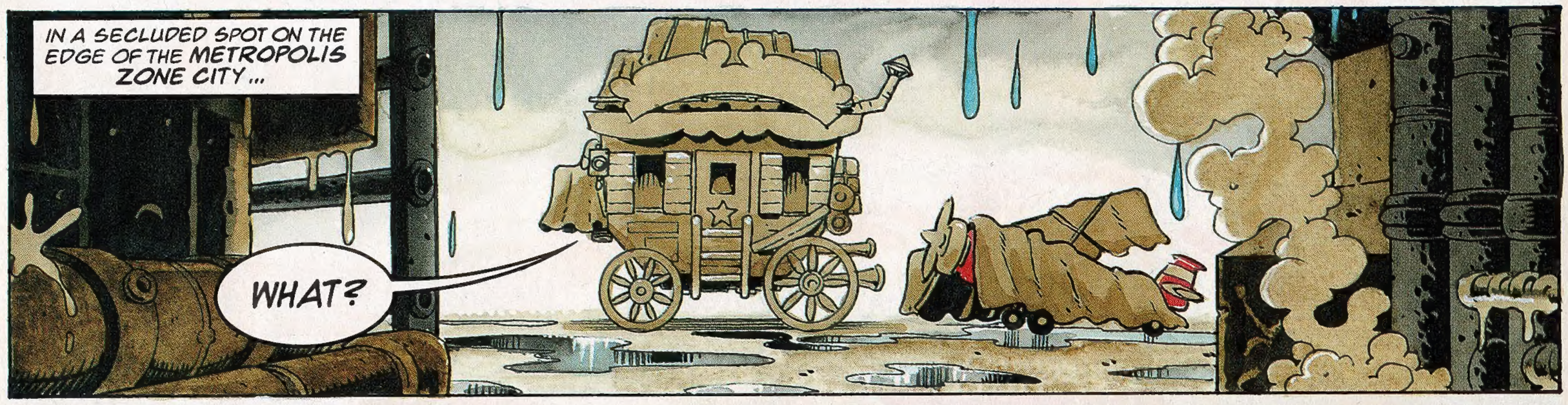
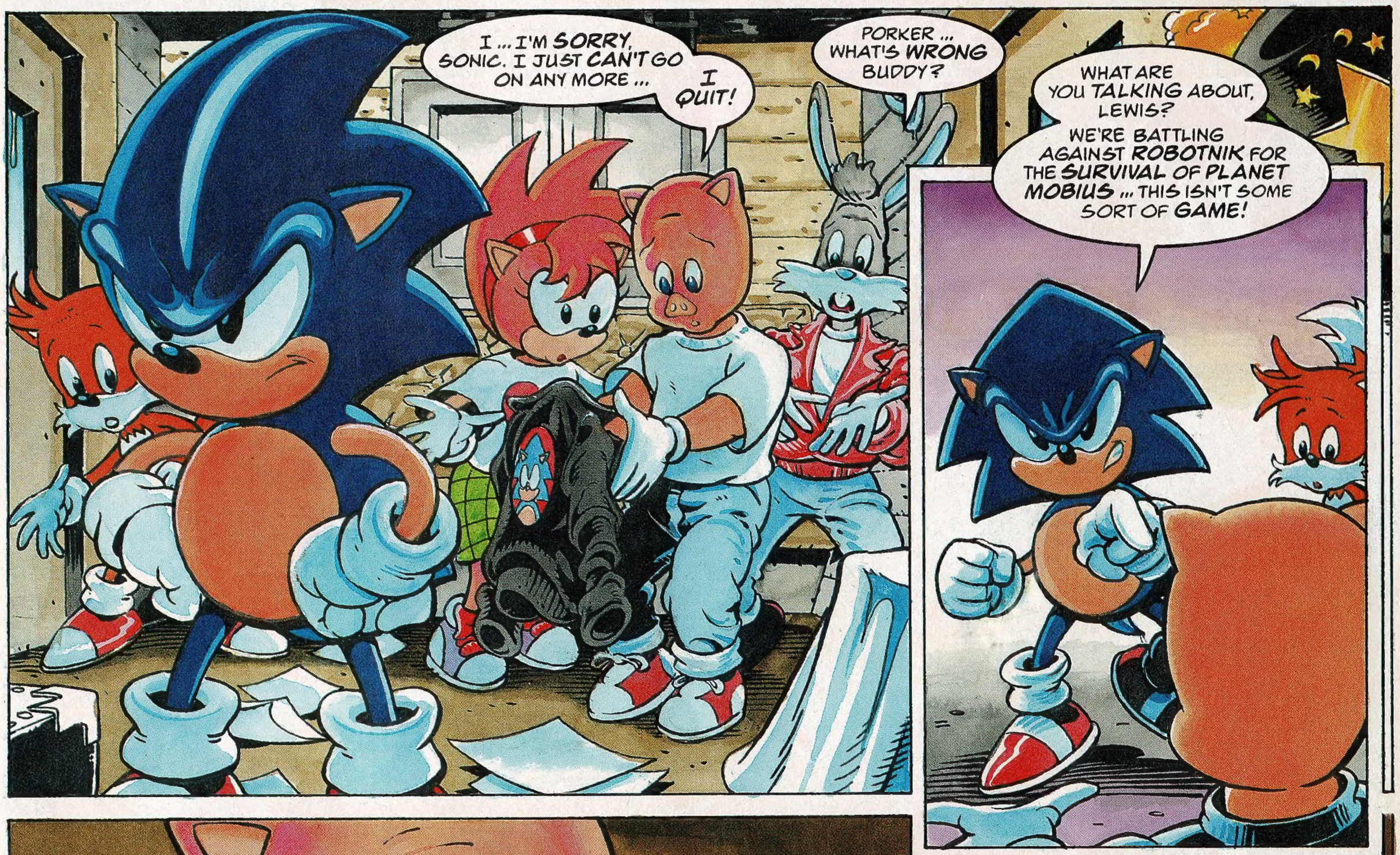
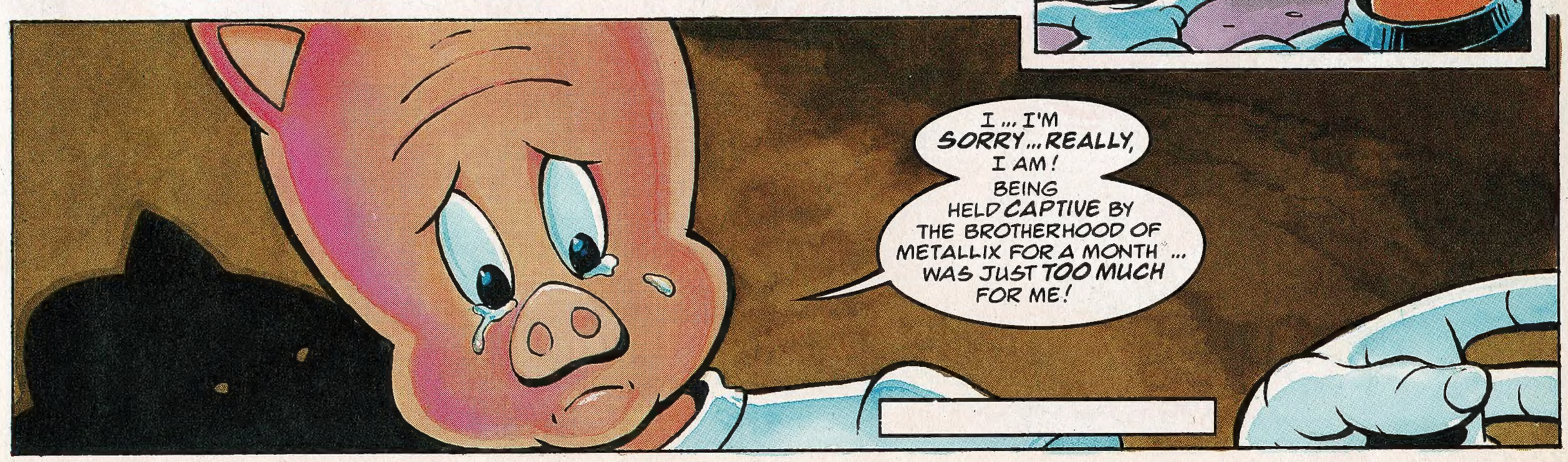



I... I'M SORRY, SONIC. I JUST CAN'T GO ON ANY MORE...
I QUIT!
PORKER... WHAT'S WRONG BUDDY?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, LEWIS?
WE'RE BATTLING AGAINST ROBOTNIK FOR THE SURVIVAL OF PLANET MOBIUS... THIS ISN'T SOME SORT OF GAME!



YOU ALWAYS WERE **SOFT**, PORKER... WE'RE PROBABLY **BETTER OFF** WITHOUT YOU ANYWAY!

I ...I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT ...

SONIC, FOR **GOODNESS SAKE** LEAVE HIM ALONE! CAN'T YOU SEE THE STATE HE'S IN?

NOBODY KNOWS WHAT THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX PUT HIM THROUGH. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO *JUDGE* HIM! JUST *BACK OFF!*

YOU SHOULDN'T BE *SO MEAN* TO PORKER, SONIC!

WE KNOW YOU'RE NOT A ***COWARD***, BUDDY.

RIGHT! *FINE!* IF ANYBODY *ELSE* GETS A BIT TIRED OF FIGHTING FOR MOBIUS' FREEDOM, BE SURE TO LET ME KNOW!

AT LEAST I CAN STILL RELY ON THE CHAOTIX CREW TO...

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?

OH, HI SONIC!

WE HAVE TO GO! WE JUST GOT WORD THAT NACK THE WEASEL HAS ESCAPED FROM PRISON IN THE SPECIAL ZONE!

ONE OF THE OTHER INMATES SAID HE HAD A MAP OF THE SANDOPOLIS ZONE!

SO WE RECKON HE'S HEADING FOR THE FLOATING ISLAND, YESSIREE-BOB!

THAT VILLAIN USED TO BE ONE OF THE CREW ... IT'S UP TO US TO STOP HIM!

WE'RE OUTTA HERE!

WELL, ISN'T THAT JUST GREAT!

ZAA-AAK!

AGGGH!

WHEN WE HEARD REPORTS OF AN ILLEGALLY PARKED CARAVAN, WE EXPECTED TRAVELLERS...

BUT WE'VE JUST HIT THE JACK-POT!

NNNNH!

SONIC, WE HEARD SOME...

STAY WHERE YOU ARE OR THE HEDGEHOG GETS IT!

RIGHT...NOW PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS!

HHHH...WHAT'S HAPPENING? MY HEAD...

KEEP THEM COVERED... I'LL CHECK INSIDE THE CARAVAN!

OH, NO...

BADNIKS! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING... AND FAST!

SWAKK!

WHA... HE'S AWAKE!

HUH?...

THE CONCUSSION AFFECTS SONIC'S VISION...

AGGGH!

WHAKK!

HAH! I THINK SONIC IS HAVING A BAD DAY!

I... I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING... BUT WHAT?

THE POWER SUPPLY FOR THE WHOLE CARAVAN RUNS THROUGH THESE WIRES... I WONDER?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SCIENTIFIC GENIUS TO KNOW THAT WATER CONDUCTS ELECTRICITY...

HERE GOES!

RRRR

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING.

WELL PORKER, I GUESS THIS IS GOODBYE!

I THINK YOU'LL ENJOY LIVING ON THE FLOATING ISLAND... THE EMERALD HILL FOLK HAVE TURNED THE MUSHROOM HILL ZONE INTO AN IMPRESSIVE PLACE!

I THINK I WILL TOO, SONIC.

UH PORKER, WHAT I WAS SAYING BEFORE... ABOUT YOU BEING SOFT... I JUST WANT TO SAY...

IT'S FORGOTTEN, SONIC... BESIDES, I AM SOFT!

HEY BUDDY, WE WOULDN'T HAVE YOU ANY OTHER WAY!

WELL, I'LL SEE YOU AROUND!

COUNT ON IT, PORKER!

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: VOICE OF THE PEOPLE!

KNUCKLES™ and TAILS™

NEW SERIES

THE REVENGE OF TROGG Part 1

Script and art: NIGEL KITCHING Lettering: ELITTA FELL

PLACE: THE EMERALD CHAMBER ON THE FLOATING ISLAND.

WITH THE CHAOS EMERALDS FINALLY RESTORED, KNUCKLES IS WORKING ON GETTING ALL THE ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY BACK ON LINE.

BEEOOP!

BEEOOP!

HUH? THE SECURITY ALARM IS GOING HAYWIRE!

SOME KIND OF ENERGY SURGE IN THE MUSHROOM HILL ZONE... COULD BE AN ATTACK ON THE EMERALD HILL FOLK!

IF ROBOTNIK HAS FOUND THEM THEN WE COULD ALL BE IN BIG TROUBLE!

I'D BETTER TAKE THE ZOOM TUBE AND FIND OUT!

MOMENTS LATER IN THE MUSHROOM HILL ZONE.

BETTER GET READY FOR TROUBLE!

THAT'S STRANGE. EVERYTHING SEEMS QUIET... THE EMERALD HILL FOLK ARE JUST GETTING ON WITH BUILDING THEIR NEW HOMES.

WAIT A MINUTE... WHAT'S THAT WEIRD GLOW COMING FROM OVER THERE?

WHY IT'S... TAILS!

LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN SERIOUS TROUBLE!

WHAT'S THE LITTLE GUY DOING OUT HERE? I THOUGHT HE WAS HELPING BACK AT THE MUSHROOM HILL ZONE!

THE LITTLE GUY'S BEING KIDNAPPED ...NO TIME TO WASTE!

AAAGH! WHAT'S GOING ON?

OH NO!

SO, THE GLOWING SHAPE WAS SOME KIND OF DOORWAY INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION. WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

THIS IS THE NAMELESS ZONE, FRIEND. I WAS MERELY SUMMONING OUR CHAMPION, MILES PROWER. WE HAVE NEED OF HIS POWER!

MILES PROWER? NEVER HEARD OF HIM.

HE MEANS ME. LOOK, I CAN EXPLAIN... REALLY!

SHAMAN WARPULL, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY FRIEND...

SONIC! I SHOULD HAVE REALISED, WELCOME! TAILS HAS TOLD US ALL ABOUT HOW YOU HELP HIM IN HIS ENDLESS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE VILLAINOUS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!*

*FOR ANYONE WHO HASN'T READ TAILS' OWN ADVENTURES IN THE NAMELESS ZONE, SHAME ON YOU! -Megadroid.

SONIC HELPS YOU?..

HEH,HEH... THERE'S BEEN A LITTLE *MISUNDER-STANDING!*

I'LL SAY!

SHAMAN WARPULL. I *MUST* SPEAK TO YOU!

LATER, MY FRIEND FIRST, I MUST TELL YOU OF THE *DISASTER* WHICH HAS BEFALLEN US!

THE TWO ENCHANTER KINGS HAVE BEEN TAKEN *CAPTIVE!*

THEY WERE CAPTURED BY THE EVIL *TROGG* AND TAKEN TO HIS REALM OVER THE DIMENSION BRIDGE!

FIRST WE SENT *ERROL BLACKTHORN* TO ATTEMPT A RESCUE!

AND THIS ERROL NEVER CAME BACK?

OH NO, HE CAME BACK ALL RIGHT. BUT SOME-THING HAPPENED TO HIM IN THE LAND BEYOND... *HE WAS CHANGED!*

HOW *TRUE*. YOU WEAK FOOLS

HOW VERY TRUE!

NEXT ISSUE: THE FATE OF ERROL BLACKTHORN!

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COMPLETE STORY

THE PLANET MOBIUS (STILL RULED BY ROBOTNIK).

WHAT HAPPENED, SONIC? A SURPRISE ATTACK BY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?

NOPE! THIS WEEK'S FAN-MAIL, TAILS!

FAN-MAIL? GREAT! ANYTHING FOR ME?

NOT ONE, PIXEL-BRAIN! THEY ONLY WRITE LETTERS TO THEIR *NUMBER ONE HERO!*

:SIGH: I NEVER GET ANY MAIL.

MAYBE IF I DID SOMETHING *BRAVE* AND *DANGEROUS* EVERYONE WOULD LIKE ME TOO.

HMM. SOUNDS LIKE *TROUBLE* COULD BE BREWING.

A WHIRL OF TAILS LATER...

MAYBE I'LL GET A FEW FANS IF I CLEAN UP THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE.

MORE LIKE A FEW BROKEN BONES, YOU DWEEB!

OKAY, YOU ROBOTIC RUST BUCKETS! I'M HERE AND I'M LOOKING FOR TROUBLE! WHO'S FIRST?

WELL, WELL... HOW NICE OF YOU TO DROP BY, TAILS!

I WAS LOOKING FOR A FURRY LITTLE FINK TO TRY OUT MY NEW SPINBALL MURDER MACHINE!

S-S-SPINBALL MURDER MACHINE? SOUNDS KIND OF DANGEROUS!

THIS IS NO TIME TO SIT AROUND LOOKING COOL, SONIC! TAILS IS IN BIG TROUBLE!

:GROAN: NOT AGAIN! WHAT'S THAT FURBALL DONE THIS TIME?

HE'S BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE IN THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE! THAT DUMB FOX WALKED RIGHT INTO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S LATEST HI-TECH TRAP!

CASINO NIGHT ZONE, HUH? SOUNDS LIKE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION!

OH BOY! THOSE CREEPS ARE IN FOR IT NOW! SONIC IS UNBEATABLE IN HIS POWER SNEAKERS!

GO! GO! GO!

MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY.

WE HAVE WORD SONIC IS ON HIS WAY, BADNIKS! STAND YOUR GROUND! WE MUST FIGHT TO THE LAST IN THE NAME OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

OF FUN

YIKES!

I JUST WISH IT DIDN'T *HURT* SO MUCH!

GANGWAAAY!

WHOA! A TRAP! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN IT WOULDN'T BE THIS EASY!

CHUNG

BETTER GET USED TO MY SPINBALL MURDER MACHINE, SONIC!

THIS IS WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR BRIEF, LITTLE LIFE!

CUT THE SMALL TALK, ROBOTNIK! WHERE'S TAILS?

TAILS HAS THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE FOR THE DEMISE OF THE WORLD'S MOST IRRITATING HEDGEHOG!

I'M SORRY, SONIC! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!

MY BADNIKS HAVE SPENT *MONTHS* BUILDING THIS DEADLY SPINBALL ARENA, RODENT! I CALCULATE IT WILL DISPOSE OF YOU IN A MATTER OF *MINUTES!*

BOING!

NOW, LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

YIIKES!

BOING!

BOING!

BOING!

WHAT'S WRONG, SONIC? FEELING A LITTLE QUEASY?

MAYBE YOU SHOULD LIE DOWN AND CATCH FORTY WINKS?

KRUNCH!

UNNF!

RISE AND SHINE, YOU LITTLE WEED! NO SPINBALL MACHINE WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT A *HEDGEHOG-CRUSHING SUPER-SPINBALL!*

IT LOOKS LIKE SONIC'S TOO GROGGY TO TAKE CARE OF THIS, SO I GUESS IT'S LEFT TO ME TO PLAY THE HERO!

UP AND AT 'EM!

TAILS! WHAT... ARE YOU... DOING?

I'M GOING TO WIPE OUT THE GENERATOR POWERING THE MURDER MACHINE! THE SPINBALL'S THE ONLY THING BIG ENOUGH TO DO THE TRICK!

CURSE THAT LITTLE FOX! I THOUGHT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE USELESS!

TAILS! NO! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! DON'T...

KROOM!

TOO LATE, SONIC!

KAFF! KAFF! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WE MADE IT!

WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT STANDING! WHAT A STROKE OF LUCK!

AARGH! MY SPINBALL MACHINE! I SHOULD HAVE WIPED OUT THAT BUSHY-TAILED FINK WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE!

BACK AT THE REBELS' CIRCUS WAGON.

THERE'S A LETTER HERE FOR YOU, TAILS!

FAN-MAIL AT LAST! WORD MUST HAVE GOT AROUND!

AW, CRIPES! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S A FINE FOR MY OVER-DUE LIBRARY BOOKS!

WHAT DID YOU EXPECT, TAILS? THERE'S ONLY ROOM FOR ONE SUPER-COOL HERO ON MOBIUS!

MORE SONIC THRILLS NEXT ISSUE!

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CAPTAIN Plunder & HIS SKY PIRATES!

PART 2

THINGS HAVE GONE A LITTLE WRONG WITH CAPTAIN PLUNDER'S PLAN TO ROB DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.

ALTHOUGH HIS PIRATES HAVE GOT CLEAN AWAY WITH THE LOOT, THEY ACCIDENTALLY LEAVE BEHIND THEIR BELOVED CAPTAIN...

BWHF!

YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE, YOU SCURVY SCUM-SUCKERS!

CUT... I THINK WE'VE SEEN ENOUGH!

MEMBERS OF THE JURY, I GIVE YOU EXHIBIT 'G'.

HE WAS JUST LUCKY!

EXHIBIT 'G'

SHOULDN'T EE SHOUT 'OBJECTION' OR SOMEUN', LAD?

SSHHH!

AND THAT CONCLUDES THE CASE FOR THE PROSECUTION!

WELL, WE'VE ALL HEARD THE ADMITTEDLY RATHER CONVINCING CASE AGAINST MY CLIENT, CAPTAIN PLUNDER.

BUT I ASK YOU...

IS *THIS* THE FACE OF A *BRUTAL* PIRATE?

YOU TRYIN' TA BE *FUNNY*, LAD?

THE CASE FOR THE DEFENCE RESTS.

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, YOU *BILGE RAT!*

SHUSH! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!

AYE, SO DO I! YOU'RE TRYING TO GET ME *HUNG!*

THIS WHOLE TRIAL BE A SET-UP... I'M BEING SWINDLED!

GUARDS...

ZAP!

ARGGH!

I ORDER THE ACCUSED TO REFRAIN FROM SUCH OUTBURSTS!

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DON'T WORRY, WE CAN EDIT THAT OUT BEFORE TRANSMISSION.

OKAY, LET'S MOVE STRAIGHT ON TO THE SENTENCING!

OKAY, LET'S ROLL!

MAKE SURE YOU GET MY GOOD SIDE.

THE TRIAL OF CAPTAIN PLUNDER
SCENE 4 | TAKE 1

CAPTAIN PLUNDER I FIND YOU *GUILTY* OF THE CRIME OF *PIRACY!*

I THEREFORE SENTENCE YOU TO BE TAKEN FROM THIS PLACE WHERE YOU WILL BE HUNG BY THE NECK UNTIL YOU ARE *SORRY!*

DEAD!

OH YES, I *MEANT* THAT!

CAPTAIN PLUNDER HAS BEEN REGIDENT HERE FOR JUST OVER A WEEK NOW AND WE'VE JUST BEEN TOLD THAT HIS FINAL APPEAL AGAINST HIS SENTENCE HAS BEEN *REFUSED*.

THE HIGHVIEW CORRECTIVE CENTRE

AT LUXURIOUS HIGHVIEW THE EMPHASIS IS ON *REHABILITATION* RATHER THAN PUNISHMENT. NONE OF THE INMATES HERE HAVE EVER RE-OFFENDED!

MAINLY 'CAUSE THEY *HANG* THEM ALL!

CUT!

INSIDE THE 'LUXURIOUS' HIGH-VIEW CORRECTIVE CENTRE...

OKAY, WHICH ONE OF YOU SAID YOU WERE *THIRSTY*?

NOT ME, MISTER GULLETS, SIR!

SHOOOSH!

IZZAT BETTER, CHUMP?

HE GAVE YOU SOME WATER... BOY, HE MUST *REALLY* LIKE YOU!

HAW! HAW! HAW!

I WOULDN'T BET ON IT MATE... WHATEVER THAT WAS, IT *WASN'T* WATER!

IF ONLY WE COULD GET OUT OF THESE CHAINS...

IT WOULDN'T HELP MUCH. WE'D *STILL* BE PRISONERS IN THIS SCURVY CELL!

OH *THAT'S* NO PROBLEM, I KNOW A *SECRET* WAY OUT OF THE CELL!

CHKK!

WELL, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO *BEFORE*, MATE? JUST GIVE ME A MO'... AH, *THERE* YE GO!

NEXT ISSUE: THE GREAT ESCAPE!

SONIC'S WORLD

Part 1
Kintobor spelled backwards is...

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SO THERE YOU ARE. GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT.

I AM *DOCTOR KINTOBOR* ... WELL, FROM *BEFORE* I BECAME *DOCTOR ROBOTNIK*, THAT IS. NO, WAIT A MINUTE, THAT'S NOT RIGHT...

I'M A SELF-AWARE COMPUTER PROGRAM BASED ON WHAT WAS LEFT OF KINTOBOR WHEN ...

LOOK, THIS IS *COMPLICATED!* LET'S START AT THE BEGINNING, SHALL WE?

"THE EXPLOSION IN DOCTOR KINTOBOR'S LAB CAUSED HIM TO CHANGE INTO THE EVIL ..."

DR IVO ROBOTNIK

DOCTOR IVO *ROBOTNIK*?

EGGS-ACTLY!

I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE! NEED TIME TO THINK ... *TO PLAN!*

IT WAS THE MACHINE CONTAINING THE *CHAOS EMERALDS* THAT EXPLODED, CREATING DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.

IT ALSO RELEASED THE EMERALDS FROM THE STABILISING INFLUENCE OF THE MACHINE'S *MOBIUS RINGS*.

"THE EXPLOSION WARPED THE EMERALDS BACK TO THE **SPECIAL ZONE**. THEY WERE SCATTERED ALL OVER THE PLACE, TAKING ON STRANGE, MULTI-HUED PROPERTIES.

"SONIC CALLED IN HIS BRAINY CHUM, *PORKER LEWIS*..."

WILL *SOMEBODY* TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON?

OKAY, PORKER, SO WHEN DID MOBIUS RINGS START *TALKING*?

"NOW PORKER'S PRETTY SMART... FOR A PIG."

SOMEHOW DOCTOR KINTOBOR'S BRAIN PATTERNS HAVE BEEN RECORDED ON THIS MOBIUS RING.

HEY! I *KNEW* SOMETHING WAS DIFFERENT!

"NEXT THING YOU KNOW HE'S WHIPPED **ME** UP... THE **KINTOBOR COMPUTER**.

"SOME PEOPLE THINK I'M JUST A DUFF COPY OF DOCTOR KINTOBOR! BUT WHAT DO **THEY** KNOW!"

PORKER LEWIS WAS HAVING THE TIME OF HIS LIFE GOING THROUGH DOCTOR KINTOBOR'S SCIENTIFIC DEVICES. UNTIL ONE DAY...

I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM, SONIC.

RATS! IT'S NOT LIKE LEWIS TO MISS A DAY AT THE LAB.

STAY WHERE YOU ARE!

WHAT ON MOBIUS ARE *THOSE?*

WE ARE *BADNIKS,* LOYAL SERVANTS TO THE GREAT ROBOTNIK.

SONIC!

—AND YOU'RE ABOUT TO BECOME ONE OF *US!*

HANG ON, DUDE! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO TRY OUT SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WORKING ON!

I CALL IT MY...

B-KOOM

SONIC SPIN ATTACK!

DON'T GO 'WAY, PAL! I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU!

BDDOPP

THIS ... THIS ISN'T HOW IT LOOKS!

PORKER LEWIS! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

I WAS *IMPRISONED* IN THAT BADNIK ... IT WAS THE ONE IN CONTROL, USING ME AS SOME KIND OF *POWER SOURCE*.

WHAT'S THE STORY, BUD?

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK CAPTURED ME ... PUT ME INSIDE THAT THING!

HE'S *COMPLETELY MAD!* HE WANTS TO RULE PLANET MOBIUS!

THE BADNIK PROBLEM TURNED OUT TO BE A LOT WORSE THAN ANYONE THOUGHT.

ALL OVER MOBIUS FOLK WERE VANISHING, REPLACED BY ROBOTNIK'S METAL CREATURES.

"BUT AS ROBOTNIK HAD NO RECALL OF HIS PREVIOUS EXISTENCE AS DOCTOR KINTOBOR, SONIC WAS A BIT OF A SURPRISE TO HIM*.

"WITH THE **BLUE ONE** AROUND, THE BADNIK PROBLEM BECAME HISTORY!

"SONIC EVEN MANAGED TO LOCATE THE MISSING CHAOS EMERALDS BEFORE THEY COULD FALL INTO ROBOTNIK'S HANDS.

"IT LOOKED LIKE MOBIUS' PROBLEMS WERE OVER."

* SEE THE FIRST CLASSIC **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** GAME FOR THE FULL STORY – MEGADROID.

NEXT ISSUE : BUT THEY WEREN'T...